



PROGRAM

THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ON FIRE PREVENTION

Washington, D.C.
May 6, 7, and 8th, 1947

*Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue
Between 12th and 14th Sts. NW.*

“The serious losses in life and property resulting annually from fires cause me deep concern. I am sure that such unnecessary waste can be reduced. The substantial progress made in the science of fire prevention and fire protection in this country during the past forty years convinces me that the means are available for limiting this unnecessary destruction.”

Harry Truman

Conference Organization

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Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, *President, National Education Association.*
Guy T. Warfield, Jr., *President, National Association of Insurance Agents.*
Frank M. Whiston, *President, National Association of Building Owners and Managers.*

Objectives

The OBJECTIVES of the Conference are to emphasize to the public the ever-present danger of fire to human life and material resources and to intensify the work of fire safety in every community. Essential to the accomplishment of such objectives are:

1. Universal acceptance by the highest officials of the United States and municipalities of their direct responsibility for fire safety. The acceptance of the same principle by Federal executives charged with the responsibility for Federal properties is requisite.
2. Public support from all possible sources behind such officials in accomplishing the enactment and enforcement of adequate laws and ordinances for fire prevention and fire protection.

Program – Tuesday May 6, 1947

MORNING

- 9:00 A.M. Registration. Departmental Auditorium Lobby.
- 10:00 A.M. Music. U.S. Marine Corps Band, Maj. William F. Santelmann, USMC, *Leader*.
- 10:30 A.M. Call to Order. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, *General Chairman*.
Invocation. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Russell, *Pastor*,
St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D.C.
- 11:00 A.M. The President of the United States.
Introduction of Committee Chairmen.
Roll Call of States.
- 12:00 NOON Recess.

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 P.M. Committee Meetings. [See page 6.]

Program – Wednesday May 7, 1947

MORNING

- 9:45 A.M. Music. U.S. Navy Band, Lt. Comdr. Charles Brendler, *Leader*.
- 10:00 A.M. Call to Order. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, *General Chairman*.
Invocation. Rev. Fredrick Brown Harris, *Pastor, Foundry*,
Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.
Addresses.
Arch N. Booth, *Manager, Chamber of Commerce of the Unites States*.
Hon. Robert E. Dineen, *President, National Association of*
Insurance Commissioners
- 10:30 A.M. The Attorney General of the United States.
Dr. Frank W. Cyr, *Professor of Education, Teachers College*,
Columbia University
Dr. E. B. Norton, *Deputy Commissioner, United States Office of Education*.

11:00 A.M. Report. Committee on Fire Prevention Education. Dr. H. C. Byrd, *Chairman*.
Discussion.
Addresses.
Sherman K. Ives, *The National Grange*.
Percy Bugbee, *General Manager, National Fire Protection Association*.
James R. Edmunds, Jr., *President, The American Institute of Architects*.

11:45 A.M. Report. Committee on Building Construction, Operation and Protection.
Albert C. Fuller, *Chairman*.
Discussion.

12:30 P.M. Recess.

AFTERNOON

2:00 P.M. Addresses.
Charles A. Delaney, *President, International association of Fire Chiefs*.
George J. Richardson, *Secretary and Treasurer, International Association of Firefighters*.
Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, USA, *Office of the Secretary of War, War Department*.
Lyle F. Watts, *Chief, Forest Services, United States Department of Agriculture*.

2:45 P.M. Report. Committee on the Firefighting Services. Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, *Chairman*.
Discussion.
Addresses.
James T. Nicholson, *Executive Vice Chairman, The American Red Cross*.
William E. Mallalieu, *General Manager, The National Board of Fire Underwriters*.
O. J. Arnold, *President, American Life Convention*.

3:30 P.M. Report. Committee on Research. Woodward H. Brenton, *Chairman*.

Program – Thursday May 8, 1947

MORNING

9:45 A.M. Music. U.S. Army Band, Captain Hugh J. Curry, U. S. A., *Leader*.

- 10:00 A.M. Call to Order. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, *General Chairman*.
Invocation. Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld, *Minister of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.*
Addresses.
J. H. Craig, *Chairman, Fire Marshals' Section, National Fire Protection Association*.
Herman C. Wilson, *President, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers*.
Hon. George Neuner, *Attorney General, State of Oregon, representing the National Association of Attorneys General*.
- 10:30 A.M. Report. Committee on Laws and Law Enforcement. Hon. John C. Cox, *Chairman*.
Discussion.
Addresses.
Mrs. Oswald Bates Lord, *National Chairman, Civilian Advisory Committee of Women's Army Corps*.
- 11:15 A.M. Report. Committee on Organized Public Support. W. Walter Williams, *Chairman*.
Discussion.
- 11:45 A.M. Presentation of Action Program. W. E. Reynolds, *Chairman, Coordinating Committee*.
Addresses.
Hon. George W. Welsh, *President, United States Conference of Mayors*.
Hon. Clarence W. Meadows, *Governor of the State of West Virginia, Representing the Council of State Governments*.
The National Anthem.
Adjournment.

Committee Meetings

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND PROTECTION

Chairman: Albert C. Fuller, *President, Fuller Brush Co., Hartford, Conn.*

Secretary: George N. Thompson, *National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C.*

Meeting Place: *Room 43, Natural History Building, Constitution Avenue at Tenth Street NW.*

FIREFIGHTING SERVICES

Chairman: Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, *Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irvine, New York, N.Y.*

Secretary: Horatio Bond, *National Fire Protection Assoc., Boston, Mass.*

Meeting Place: *National Archives Building, Auditorium, Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street NW.*

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

Chairman: Dr. Harry C. Byrd, *President, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.*

Secretary: Dr. J. J. Ahern, *Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.*

Meeting Place: *Room N, U. S. Chamber of Commerce Building, 1615 H Street NW.*

LAWS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chairman: Hon. John C. Knox, *U.S. District Judge, Second District of New York.*

Vice Chairman: Hon. Louis Johnson, *Attorney at Law, Washington, D.C.*

Secretary: Charles S. Rhyne, *National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D.C.*

Meeting Place: *Room A, Departmental Auditorium, Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, NW.*

ORGANIZED PUBLIC SUPPORT

Chairman: W. Walter Williams, *President, Continental, Inc., Seattle, Wash.*

Secretary: George G. Traver, *National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York, N.Y.*

Meeting Place: *Room B, Departmental Auditorium, Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, NW.*

RESEARCH

Chairman: Woodward H. Brenton, *President, Brenton Bros. Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.*

Secretary: Alvah Small, *President, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Chicago, Ill.*

Meeting Place: *Room F, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building, 1615 H Street NW.*

Information

ALL SESSIONS of the Conference will be held in the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Street NW.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, open to all who are registered for the Conference, will be held on the afternoon of May 6, at locations shown on page 6.

COMMITTEE REPORTS will be available at the registration desks and at the respective Committee meeting rooms.

TELEPHONE facilities are available in the main lobby of the Departmental Auditorium.

LUNCHEON. The Departmental Auditorium Cafeteria, in the basement (stairway from the lobby), is open from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to persons attending the Conference.

All persons attending meetings will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Buildings Administration pertaining to fire protection and maintenance of order, and they will be required to comply with all instructions given by the guard force. [Exit diagram on the reverse of this page.]

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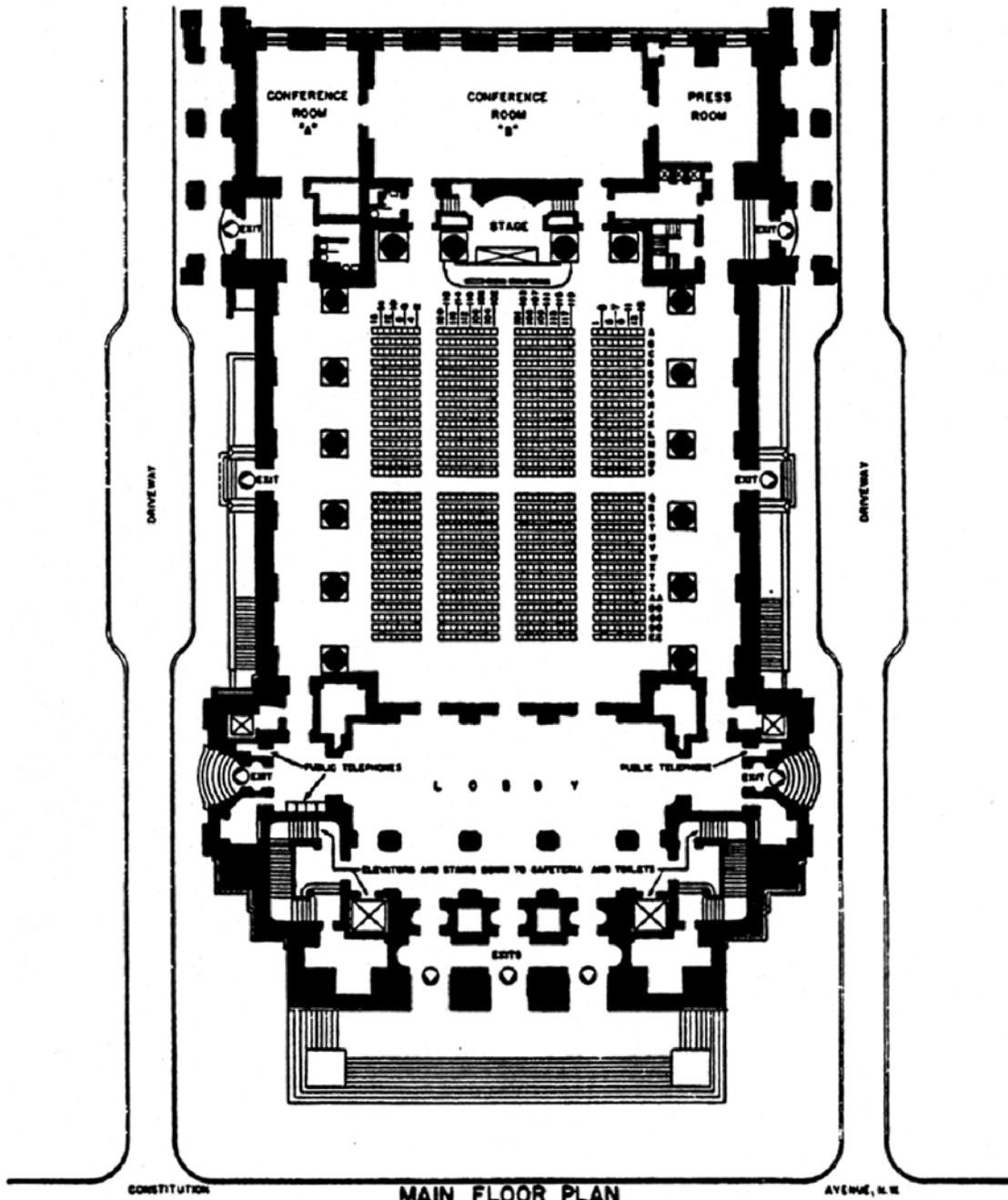
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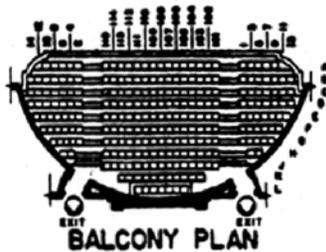
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